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‘The Rock’ comes home



Chris Jericho locks on the “Walls of Jericho” on The Rock.



Rikishi and the referee celebrate the victory with a post-match victory dance.

WWE superstars lay the smackdown at the Neil Blaisdell amidst screaming Oahu fans

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HONOLULU — “Finally, The Rock has come back ... HOME!”

That was the greeting that nearly 9,000 screaming fans received from “The People’s Champion,” The Rock, in the first World Wrestling Entertainment event at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center in eight years.

The Rock defeated Chris Jericho in a no-disqualification match after planting him with a “Rock Bottom” and later with his patented “People’s Elbow.”

After the match, The Rock’s nieces entered the ring and gave their uncle several leis.

The Rock thanked the audience for coming and expressed his pride in his Samoan heritage and Hawaiian background.

The Rock, who broke down in tears, dedicated the night to his late grandfather, High Chief Peter Maivia, a former Samoan chief who also wrestled for the same organization nearly 30 years ago.

After realizing that he had lost his composure in front of a sold-out Blaisdell Center, The Rock attempted to mask his emotions with toughness.

“For the record, The Rock did not cry,” said The Rock in

his third-person voice.

Another Pacific Islander who received a thunderous ovation was Rikishi, who made his entrance to the ring sporting several colorful leis, repeatedly giving the crowd the shaka sign.

Rikishi defeated Kurt Angle after delivering a Bonzai Drop from the second turnbuckle, sending 401 pounds crashing onto Angle’s chest.

Rikishi and the referee then treated the crowd to a victory dance to his theme music, proving that big men can have rhythm.

“I’m really happy to have him back,” said Rikishi’s niece Maria Olive, who lives in Honolulu with the rest of her family.

On the undercard, WWE tag team champions Billy and Chuck defeated tag team Farooq and Hugh Morris.

Billy Kidman defeated Lance Storm, Tajiri defeated Christian, Albert and Reverend D’von defeated Funaki and Randy Orton, Test defeated Big Valbowski and WWE Cruiserweight Champion Hurricane defeated Jamie Noble.

The Rock closed the night in his own inimitable style: “If ya smell what The Rock is cookin’!”

Wrestling fans in Hawaii will not have to wait another eight years to experience WWE live.

The next WWE live event is scheduled for January 2003.



The Rock, known as “The People’s Champion” defeated Chris Jericho at the Neal Blaisdell

K-Bay kids carve the surf in competition

Youth Surfing Winners

14 and under

1st- Storm Kam
2nd- George Castellvi
3rd- John Kauffman
4th- Levi Bey

15 to 17

1st- Mike Fargo
2nd- Kevin Lenanan
3rd- Sean Imai
4th- Kenny Scott

Body Boarding Winners

14 and under

1st- Storm Kam
2nd- John Kauffman
3rd- Brock Knapp

15 to 17

1st- Adam Gramann
2nd- Douglas Gramann
3rd- Chris Cervantes

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Combat Correspondent

Pyramid Rock Beach served up some fine surf for several young wave-riders looking to take home first place in the Kaneohe Bay Youth Recreation, Dual Crown Surf Meet, at MCB Hawaii, Saturday.

Storm Kam and Mike Fargo took home the surfing victories in their age categories, while Adam Gromann and Kam managed to beat out the rest of the field in the body board competition.

This event, combined with the skateboard competition at Hawaii Loa Skatepark June 8, made up the K-Bay Youth Recreation Dual Crown events on base.

Surfers and body boarders competed in two age groups in their respective categories, one for kids 14 and under, and another for older competitors, ages 15 to 17.

The water, although slightly choppy, still provided some nice sets on which the riders got in several impressive runs to score points with the judges.

Each rider received two runs before judges tallied up the scores and chose the winners.

The turnout for the event seemed to be somewhat smaller than expected.

That did not stop some talented surfers and body boarders from giving it all they had to take home the victory.



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Above — John Kauffman catches a wave on his way to 3rd place in the 14 and under category.

Left — Storm Kam managed to win both the surfing and body boarding competitions at Saturday’s contest.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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ASYMCA Hosts Family Olympic Day

It’s “Go Time” at the Armed Services YMCA. Who will claim the gold, silver and bronze medals in the three-legged race, egg toss and pizza-eating contest? Find out tomorrow at the ASYMCA, Bldg. 579, at 10 a.m. All base patrons are invited to enter the free Family Olympic Day. For additional details, call 254-4719.

K-Bay Throws Semper Xtreme Bowling Bash

K-Bay Lanes will host its 3rd Anniversary Semper Xtreme Bowling bonanza June 28 - 30. During this three-day bowling birthday party the first 100 guests will receive free cake. All authorized military ID cardholders will enjoy free

shoe rental and bowl for only \$2 a game. Guests of military patrons may bowl for \$2.25 a game. Food specials and door prizes are in store at K-Bay Lanes all weekend. Celebrate starting June 28 from 4 p.m. - 1 a.m., June 29 from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m., June 30 from 1:30 - 11 p.m. For more details, call 254-7693.

K-Bay Lanes Make Summer Sport Superstars

Let your keiki shine as a “Summer Sport Superstar.” The sport superstar program introduces kids ages 5 to 18 years to bowling, tennis and swimming. During a two-week period, kids will learn the basics in each sport. This program runs Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

O’Club Pool Closed For Renovations

Due to renovation, the Officers Club pool is closed until mid-August.

Once open, members and guests will enjoy a tropical atmosphere complete with exotic floral, fauna and fountains. For all events, club members and guests should enter the club through the Mongolian BBQ Pit. For more information, call 254-7649.

Enlisted Club Hosts Sports Night

Ease back into your workweek at the Enlisted Club every Monday night during its weekly “Sports Night.” Catch the game, order a round of pupus for the gang and unwind. The E - Club is open seven days a week and welcomes all E-5s and under and their sponsored guests. For additional details, call 254-7660.

Bayfest Arrives Soon

The ever-popular BayFest is coming and Marine Corps Community Services is looking for volunteers. New attractions such as the Sumo wrestling event and the inflatable boxing arena are in the works. For more, contact SM&SP Coordinator Leslie Graham at 254-7593.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Base All Stars

NAME: Pfc. Jud Poulter

BILLET: Tow gunner

UNIT: Weapons Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment

POSITION: Shortstop

TEAM: K-Bay “Goodfellas”

SPORT: Softball

- For the past five years, Poulter has been playing softball, along with 12 years of baseball.
- Being on the base team has its perks. “I enjoy travelling to other towns for better competition.”
- During a 5 game span, Poulter had a total of 16 RBIs. He had 15 hits, including 1 home run and 2 doubles.

Sports Ticker

2002 Intramural Softball Standings

	Won	Lost
Radio Bn.	8	0
1/12 “Spartans”	12	2
HQBN “Rhinos”	9	2
LSC “Red Death”	10	3
Mess Hall “Aces”	11	5
CSSG-3	9	3
G-6	6	4
Band	7	6
MALS - 24 “Maulers”	4	5
VP-9	5	6
MALS - 24 “Mag Rats”	5	6
HMT - 301	2	5
HMH - 363 “Red Lions”	2	7
MALS - 24 “Warriors”	3	8
Dental	1	8
EM Plt. “The Nobodys”	1	8
PMO “5-0”	2	9
Shakedown Cruise	0	5

“Softball brings out the spirit of teamwork in everyone. It’s a fun and competitive sport.”

Bowling tournament scores a strike at K-Bay

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Sports Editor

Oahu residents rolled their best strikes in support of the Joint Women’s Conference during a non-official bowling tournament June 7 at MCB Hawaii’s K-Bay Lanes.

For a fee of \$10, participants competed in three games and received a free pair of rental shoes.

All the funds raised at the tournament went towards the JWC’s treasury to offset the costs of it’s annual women’s conference held in October, explained Hickam Air Force Base resident Johnette Owens, fund-raising chair of JWC.

An assortment of 28 bowlers, made up of active duty Marines and Sailors, family members and retired military bowlers from K-Bay and surrounding bases, participated in the tournament.

“We had hoped for more people, but even though the tournament was small it was still exciting,” said Christy Knight, a K-Bay family member. “What really surprised me was that so many active duty men came. It really shows that they value and support us too.”

The tournament was more for fun and a bit of friendly competition, said Owens.

Participants were grouped

together to share lanes, but scores were counted individually.

The bowlers cheered for not only their lane but also competing lanes as well. Each time a strike was thrown, a unanimous cheer could roared throughout the center.

“This was a fun way to support a cause and have some fun with the guys I work with. What could be better than a little competition,” said Mark Uribe, a flight technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, who was joined by a number of other Marines and Sailors from his squadron to enjoy the day.

Winners received prizes such as gift certificates from Marine Corps Community Services and items from retailers like McCully’s sporting goods and Dominoes Pizza.

The JWC judged the categories separately for men, women and children.

Fourteen year-old Katy Westby won the childrens category for the highest series score.

In the adult categories, Amanda Clinton, a K-Bay family member, won for the lowest score bowled during the competition, a 75.

Two winners, a male and female, bowled the highest scores in a game.

Eugene Stahl, a retired gunnery sergeant and general me-

chanic for Combat Service Support Group 3, won the mens title by bowling seven strikes in a row during his first game and finished with a final score of 258.

Karen Wright, a K-Bay family member, won the womens title for the highest score with a 183 in her second game, a very impressive comeback from her score of 83 in the first game.

A husband and wife team won the men and womens title for the highest series score bowled during all three games.

Stahl won again with a series score of 597, with a score of 258 in his first game, 160 in his second and 179 in his third.

His wife, Kathie Stahl, ended the tournament with a score of 430, and won the womens highest series score. Her first game ended with a score of 118, her second a 137 and her third the most impressive, with a 175.

This was the first fund raiser of the year for the JWC. Other tournaments will be held on each of the bases on Oahu, said Iris Sullivan, the JWC advisor.

“Everyone had a great time, whether they won or not. It was all in the name of fun,” said Knight. “That’s what all of this is about, supporting each other.”



Lance Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Jeff Serrano, weapons leading chief petty officer for MALS - 24, prepares to throw his fourth strike in the game, competing for first place.

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Two Marine vets named ‘greatest Redskins’

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Special to the Hawaii Marine

Two Marine vets were named among the greatest Redskins of all time, chosen by a team-sponsored panel formed to help commemorate the franchise’s 70th season this fall.

Seven quarterbacks made the list, with Sammy Baugh, Marine vet Eddie LeBaron (1952-53, ‘55-59) from Pacific, Mark Rypien and Doug Williams joining Sonny Jurgensen, Billy Kilmer and Joe Theismann, the *Washington Post* reported.

Also named was back Cliff Battles (1932-37), a Marine vet from West Virginia Wesleyan. In addition, back

Andy Farkas (1938-44, Detroit) was a civilian assistant coach at Quantico in 1951-52.

Incredibly, tackle Wilbur “Wee Willie” Wilkin (74 games from 1938-43), a Marine vet from St. Mary’s, was not selected, although he was All-Pro twice, played in three Pro Bowls and was MVP in the 1940 title game.

And back-linebacker Rob Goode (1949-51, ‘54-55), a Marine vet from Texas A&M who rushed for 2,257 yards, scored 18 TDs, caught 43 passes, returned 19 kickoffs and intercepted 4 passes, wasn’t selected, either.

(Their omissions cast doubt on how well the panel informed the fans.)

The panel limited its selection pool to

head coaches and players and said it would not be influenced by off-the-field matters, the Post reported.

Candidates had to play or coach for the Redskins for three years to be considered. Active Redskins were eligible only if they have been with the team 10 seasons.

Three coaches were chosen: Navy vet George Allen, Navy vet Ray Flaherty and Joe Gibbs.

The panel was led by former CNN anchorman Bernard Shaw, a Marine vet. It narrowed its list to 102 finalists in April and allowed fans to vote on the team’s Web site to help select the final 70.

Other Marine vets no doubt considered include tackle Don Boll (Redskins

1953-59, Nebraska), end Charlie Malone (1934-40, ‘42, who caught 137 passes for 1,932 yards and 13 TDs and was a Lejeune player-assistant, 1944, Minnesota) and tackle-end Volney Peters (1954-57, USC).

The team will also commemorate the 70th anniversary by wearing retro 1960’s uniforms for home games during this season.

The helmets feature the spear-and-feather logo. The jersey and pants are bolder shades of burgundy and gold.

The franchise came into the league as the Boston Braves in 1932 and was renamed the Boston Redskins a year later. Owner George Preston Marshall moved the team to Washington in 1937.

Adjust protective helmets for correct fit and safety

NAPS
Featurettes

This summer, more than 80 million bicyclists will turn America’s streets, parks and mountain ranges into their playground. Playing it safe while cycling starts with a bicycle helmet that fits properly.

Up to 80 percent of all bicycle-related fatalities are due to head injuries, according to the Johns Hopkins Injury Prevention Center.

The good news is that bicycle helmets can help in reducing the risk of head injury by 85 percent, as reported by the National Safe Kids Campaign.

The bad news is that most people don’t

know how to tell if their helmet fits correctly.

In fact, the Bike Helmet Safety Institute found that riders are more concerned about road rash and broken bones than head injury. The institute also reported that more cyclists wear gloves than helmets.

Bell Sports, founding member of the Protective Headgear Manufacturers Association, encourages bicycle riders, inline skaters and other wheel-based sports enthusiasts to perform the “Slip, Shift and Lift” helmet test before they hit the road.

Step 1: SLIP — Slip on the helmet to ensure it’s not too big or too small. Because every head is shaped differently, make

sure that the helmet isn’t creating any uncomfortable pressure points.

Step 2: SHIFT — Shift the helmet forward so the rim is one finger (for adults, two fingers for kids) above the eyebrow. When the helmet is in the right position, “lock” the helmet’s fit system in place.

Step 3: LIFT — Buckle the chin strap and then lift the helmet. If it comes off the head even slightly, you need to adjust the fit system and tighten the chin strap. The most important element of helmet safety is proper fit.

Whether cyclists choose to bike once a year or keep the pedals spinning from season to season, ensuring that a helmet fits properly is the best first step for a safe ride.



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From left — Base residents Austin Suniga, 14, and Ryan Brehm, 15, wear their helmets when riding.

Devil Dog crosses CONUS on bike to reenlist

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After a 3300-mile bicycle ride, a 1st Force Service Support Group Marine reenlisted today in Bronx, N.Y. Gunnery Sgt. Dennis Fahey, career planner for Headquarters & Service Bn., Camp Pendleton, Calif., began his 38-day cross-country trek from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and finished at Liberty Park, N.J. with the Statue of Liberty greeting him in New York Harbor.

“I had been wanting to do this for the past 12 years,” said Fahey. “I thought it would be a neat thing to do.”

At the end of his ride, the Queens, N.Y., native planned on reenlisting. His former commander Lt. Col. Ray Griffith who is the presently the Inspector/Instructor, 2nd Bn. 25th Marine Regiment planned to reenlist Fahey.

Griffith along with Fahey’s aunt, uncle Joe and Mary Lynch from The Bronx, N.Y., and his sister Eileen from Atlanta, Ga., arrived at Liberty Park to greet their Marine Corps cross country traveler. “I think it was amazing what Dennis did,” said his uncle. “I knew he had the determination just because he’s a Marine.”

Fahey’s determination took him through rain, snow and elevations up 6,800 feet to make it to his last reenlistment in the Marine Corps.

“I just started my twentieth year, and since I’m a bike rider, I thought this would be appropriate,” said Fahey. “I also felt, that with the attacks on America I’d stick around for a while.”

Along the way, Fahey stopped at various fire departments to find places to camp. The fire fighters he met presented him with their unit patches to bring to New York and give to the FDNY.

He also started collecting stray American flags he found on the side of



Gunnery Sgt. Tim McGough

Gunnery Sgt. Dennis Fahey rejoices in New York Harbor after finishing his 3,300-mile bike ride across America. The gunny started in San Francisco, Calif., and finished in Liberty Park, N.J.

the road which had fallen off cars. “A lot of things that happened to me on the road weren’t planned,” said the cyclist. “I’m just glad and honored that they happened.”

Through his 15-state odyssey, Fahey came across the real spirit of America.

“I met a man named Ron Harman from Winchester, Ill.,” he said. “I talked with him for 15-minutes, and he offered me a room at a house he was renovating. I mean he only knew me for 15 minutes!”

Fahey was offered help at every turn. He said that people were generous and offered him assistance everywhere.

“America is filled with kind and interesting people,” he added. “I met the best of our country during my trip and it reaffirms the pride I have being a Marine.”

On a side note, Fahey only had two flat tires and two minor injuries. His more than 70-pound bike has 24 gears. He used every one of them to get across country.

Marine adds to his black belt collection

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CAMP H. M. SMITH — Possessing the ability to whoop someone in five different ways is not enough for Sgt. David Villamil. What else does he need? “A black belt in the Marine Corps,” Villamil emphatically answered. Why? “I’m always seeking to improve,” said Villamil.

Villamil, a sergeant with Marine Forces Pacific and an Inglewood, Calif., police officer, looks forward to beginning training in the Marines’ Martial Arts Course, and ultimately adding the highly regarded black rigger’s belt to his collection, which includes black belts in Muay Thai Kickboxing, Tae Kwon Do, and formal training in boxing and Escrima - the Filipino martial arts, which entails the use of short Filipino fighting sticks.

Villamil has also received formal training through the police academy and the Inglewood Police Department. Despite his vast hand-to-hand combat experience, Villamil, along with every other Marine, will have to begin at square one.

The Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, instituted by Commandant Gen. James L. Jones in late 2000, requires Marines to complete five levels of training in order to obtain a black belt.

The different levels are categorized by their respective colors — tan, gray, green, brown and black. Marines become certified instructors upon completion of the green-belt level training.

Villamil’s interest in competitive and self-defense action began with the excitement of Kung Fu Theater and Bruce Lee movies during the 1970s.

After years of training with his father at home, Villamil, at the age of



Courtesy of Sgt. David Villamil

Above — Stretching is paramount for peak fighting performance, according to Villamil. Below — Despite his small frame, Villamil’s swift feet can topple larger opponents to their backs.

15, started his formal training in Tae Kwon Do.

Under the tutelage of Master Bob Chaney, former world karate champion and trainer of several world champion martial artists in Upland, Calif., Villamil began to master the art of Muay Thai and Tae Kwon Do disciplines, eventually earning black belts in both martial arts.

Villamil’s deceptive strength and speed has fooled many suspects in Inglewood.

Standing at a mere five feet, five inches, and weighing in at 160 pounds, Villamil may appear inviting to some suspects - that is, until they end up on the cold floor.

“As a police officer, I’ve been in many fights, especially because of my size,” Villamil explained. “For some reason, suspects have more courage to fight, especially when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.”

Being a good martial artist not on-

ly entails mental and physical discipline, but a thorough understanding of its history as well, according to Villamil.

“Originally, the art of using personal weapons came from the Far East hundreds of years ago, when natives were generally smaller than their bigger, stronger invaders. In order to overcome their size difference, the use of leg kicks, knees and elbows evolved, creating deadly fighting skills the world recognized and respected,” noted Villamil.

Despite his accomplishments, Villamil’s biggest thrill is being able to share his wealth of knowledge.

Not only does it allow him to train aspiring martial artists, but also helps him improve his craft, said Villamil.

“By teaching, I’m also learning,” revealed Villamil. “When I teach people what I’ve learned, I remind myself of the basics at the same time.”

